The Season of Easter
A guide for worship

Celebrating Creation and Earth Day

Eucharistic Prayer C

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St. Anna’s Mission Statement

The following Mission Statement was crafted in 2015 by the Vestry

"St. Anna’s purpose is to lead people into a growing relationship with Christ, to declare the liberating power of the Gospel, and to be the church that demonstrates the love of Christ through works of justice, mercy, empowerment and hospitality."

St. Anna’s Prayer for Mission

Bless, O Lord, this Urban Mission, set apart to the glory of your great name and the benefit of your Holy Church; and grant that your Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity to all generations. Give your grace and wisdom to all the authorities, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who serve the common good here; take from them all pride, vanity, and self-conceit, and give them true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten their minds, subdue their wills, purify their hearts, and so penetrate them with your Spirit and fill them with your love, that they may go forth animated with earnest zeal for your glory; and may your ever living Word so dwell within their hearts, that they may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of you. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of your people, that they may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of St. Anna’s Church and Mission, and recompense them with the riches of your everlasting kingdom, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

We pray the Regina Coeli aloud. (All Stand)

Queen of Heaven rejoice. Alleluia
For He whom you merited to bear. Alleluia
Has risen as He said. Alleluia
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Entrance Hymn - See Bulletin

The people standing, the Celebrant says (Note: some will make a sign of the cross showing special respect or reflection upon the prayer(s). Such times are indicated by a however none need make such gestures.)

Celebrant: The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
We now sing the Gloria

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
4. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
5. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
6. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Collect of the Day
The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (a prayer for this day).

People Amen.

The Lessons
The people sit. The first lesson is read.

A Reading (Lesson) from______________________________ (see your bulletin for the appointed lesson)

After each Reading, the Reader will say The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

The appointed psalm is now said or sung (see your bulletin for the appointed psalm).

The second lesson is sung or read.

“A Reading (Lesson) from______________________________” (see your bulletin for the appointed lesson)

The Reader will then say The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

The Gospel reader will cross the forehead, lips, and heart as an outward sign of hearing God’s Holy word in our thoughts, speaking God’s Holy writ with our lips, and taking God’s Holy word into our hearts.

Sequence hymn. See bulletin.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon - An exposition on the scripture readings is customary.

The Nicene Creed
At St. Anna’s we sing the Nicene Creed with a plain chant accompanied by organ.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: The Prayers of the People will be said using Form V.
Deacon or other leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (Silence)
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
For our Presiding Bishop, and Morris our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions. Prayers of Intention will be read.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.
Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
People: Amen.

The Peace
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The priest will offer an invitation to the congregation to give to God what is God’s. A collection will be taken up using “alms basins”. The invitation usually uses the words, “Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, a perfect sacrifice to God.”

During the collection hymns or anthems may be sung - see the bulletin.

Money is not the only gift that one can offer God. If you have no money offer God your heartfelt thanks.

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After the gifts are presented we sing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings now; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heav’n-ly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Please stand or remain standing as we enter into the Holy Eucharist.
The “Star Trek” Prayer

The Rev. Jim Richardson, Priest-in-Charge Church of the Incarnation, CA.

[Prayer C] is perhaps the most unusual of the Eucharistic prayers in our tradition, with a strong emphasis on creation. It is especially suitable during the summer when we spend more time outdoors.

The prayer draws heavily from the biblical books of Genesis, Exodus, 1 Chronicles, the Letter to the Hebrews and the Acts of the Apostles. It tells the story of creation and our Old Testament ancestors more fully than the other Eucharistic prayers.

What makes Prayer C especially popular is the line about the enormity of God in creation: “At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.” That line has earned it the nickname “The Star Trek Prayer.”

The prayer has an Eastern Orthodox flavor with more congregational responses than any of our other Eucharistic prayer. It also has a slightly different, but significant, difference in the order of the prayer. It is unique among our Eucharistic prayers by invoking the words of sanctification (or epiclesis) upon the bread and wine before the story is told of the Last Supper. In the other Eucharistic prayers, the words, “Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit…” come after the story of the Last Supper. But in Prayer C, those words come immediately before the story. This order harkens back to prayer books in the English and Scottish churches before 1775.

The prayer ends with a reminder that Jesus Christ is the “great High priest” which echoes Hebrews 4:14 and makes this prayer the “highest” of our Eucharistic prayers.

Eucharistic Prayer C was written by Howard E. Galley Jr., who was the primary editor of the 1979 revision of the prayer book and worked for Morehouse Publishing, the publishing arm of the Episcopal Church. He wrote a number of books on liturgy. He died in 1993.
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God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** By his blood, he reconciled us.

**People:** By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

See next page
The people stand or kneel.

The epiclesis (also spelled epiklesis; from Ancient Greek: ἐπίκλησις "invocation" or "calling down from on high") is the part of the Anaphora (Eucharistic Prayer) by which the priest invokes the Holy Spirit (or the power of His blessing) upon the Eucharistic bread and wine

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People:**  *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:**  *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

\[\text{Amen. Amen. Amen.}\]
The Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then a cantor sings

The Celebrant sings the opening two lines.

The People now join in.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Behold, behold the Lamb of God which was given for thee. Lord I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof.

People But say the word only and my soul shall be healed.

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Hymns or Anthems may be sung during this period. See bulletin.
Dear Sisters and Brothers: In these very difficult times when we cannot gather because, ironically, we love each other and love our life we offer the following prayers while the Communion Hymn is sung ...we do so recognizing that you desire, so much, to gather and to be the recipients of the Body of Christ. But know this He is really and truly present beyond our measure. God is with you.

An act of contrition from the Book of Daniel

“Give ear, our God, and hear. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, my God, do not delay, because Your Church and your people bear your Name.”

Receiving the Communion with your eyes and in your heart:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of they passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A blessing will then be given by the celebrant.

The post communion hymn will be sung

After the hymn is sung a dismissal will be given.

Please feel free to enjoy the Postlude (musical presentation) after the mass.

Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall.

Please join for our virtual coffee. Zoom invitations have been sent

"Nature is the Art of God" Dante Alighieri